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SUBJECT: CODEL O'NEIL -- REP. CLEM ZABLOCKI

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1. JCRC-RELATED PROBLEMS WERE DISCUSSED ONLY BRIEFLY DURING MISSION TALKS WITH REPRESENTATIVES ZABLOCKI, ANDERSON AND UDALL. CONGRESSMEN WERE INTERESTED IN WHETHER ANY OTHER AMERICANS WERE KNOWN TO BE POWS, WHAT HAPPENED TO THOSE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN CAPTURED BUT NOT RETURNED WITH POWS OR INCLUDED AMONG DIC REMAINS, WHAT KIND OF ASSISTANCE IS PROVIDED BY THE ICRC, AND WHAT CONGRESS COULD DO TO HELP.

2. THE CDR JCRC EMPHASIZED THAT WHILE WE CONTINUED TO RECEIVE LOW-LEVEL REPORTS FROM TIME TO TIME OF CAUCASIANS BEING HELD BY THE COMMUNISTS ONLY EMMETT KAY WAS ACTUALLY KNOWN TO BE ALIVE AND A PRISONER. THE AMBASSADOR STATED THAT WHILE WE WERE REGULARLY MAKING INQUIRES CONCERNING OTHER MISSING PERSONNEL THROUGHT THE FPJMT WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY RESPONSE FROM THE COMMUNISTS TO DATE.

3. THE CDR JCRC STATED THAT JCRC HAS NO SUBSTANTIVE CONTACT WITH THE ICRC. HE SUGGESTED THAT CONGRESS COULD BE MOST HELPFUL BY CONTINUING TO APPLY AS MUCH MORAL PRESSURE AS POSSIBLE ON THE COMMUNISTS TO CARRY OUT THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER ARTICLE
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8(B). HE NOTED THAT MONEY FOR AID WAS THE ONLY IMPORTANT CLUB WE

HAD LEFT AND HE HOPED CONGRESS WOULD MAKE CERTAIN THAT THE
VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS GOT NO MONEY FOR ASSISTANCE UNTIL
PROBLEMS COVERED BY ARTICLE 8(B) WERE RESOLVED. THE AMBASSADOR
ADDED THAT ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN AID AND INFORMATION ON THE MIA/
KIA QUESTION SHOULD BE HANDLED VERY CAREFULLY. NO IMPLICATION SHOULD
BE MADE THAT AID WOULD NECESSARILY BE FORTHCOMING SOLELY AS THE
RESULT OF SUCH INFORMATION.
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